

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the outstanding Office Action is respectfully solicited.

Applicants note with appreciation the indication that claims 10-12 are directed to allowable subject matter. In view of the amendments herein it is believed that the application is in condition for allowance.

Applicants note the withdrawal of Claims 6-8 as directed to a non-elected independent invention from the originally presented claims. Applicants hereby cancel Claims 6-8 and reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications thereon.

Claim 10 has been amended to correct a transcription error, kindly noted by the Examiner.

Applicants note the rejections of Claim 9 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) and 103(a). Although applicants respectfully traverse those rejections, the rejections are now moot; cancellation of Claim 9 to reduce the issues renders the rejections moot.

Reconsideration and an early allowance are respectfully solicited.

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